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A group of Human Resistance armed to the max with Nerf guns and sock bombs walk to class keeping a wary eye out for zombies on the UW campus. Humans vs. Zombies is a game played on campuses across the nation.

ZOMBIES ATTACK

Popular game, Humans vs. Zombies officially makes its way to Northwest.

BEN LAWSON
Features Editor

Humans vs. Zombies, the No. 1 threat to America, according to Stephen Colbert, has come to Northwest campus.

Humans vs. Zombies is a glorified game of tag that is played on college campuses, military bases, church retreats and summer camps across six continents, game co-founder Max Temkin said. Last week, the Northwest Student Senate approved a Humans vs. Zombies group for the Northwest Campus. Game moderator Aviry Christy said the group is setting up a game in 10 to 14 days.

The game is simple. One person starts out as a zombie, and his mission is to infect as many humans as he can by tagging them. The humans can use foam guns or clean socks to stun zombies. A zombie is stunned for fifteen minutes if he is hit by a foam dart or sock. Humans wear bandanas on their arms or legs, and

zombies wear them on their heads.

A human is turned into a zombie one hour after being tagged. The game is usually played over a week period. Humans must be constantly on the watch for zombies as they go through daily activities, such as class or going to the grocery store.

People interested in playing can go to hvcsources.com to sign up for the game. More than 50 players are signed up for the Northwest game, even though it does not have a start date, yet. Temkin says 650 games are played each semester through the site, but there is no way to monitor how many games are played not using the site.

Christy decided he wanted to start Humans vs. Zombies at Northwest after playing the game for two days at a friend's college in Houston, Texas two years ago.

"It was phenomenal," Christy said. "I made friends in the two days I played that I still talk to."

He feels playing the game could benefit Northwest students.

"It gets students out of the classroom and out of their residence halls, and it gets them doing something physically active," Christy said.

Temkin played the first ever game of Humans vs. Zombies in 2005 at Goucher College. He said playing that game was one of the "most interesting experiences" of his life.

Temkin works for Gnarwhal Studios, a company designed to ensure Humans vs. Zombies remains free forever.

"What makes Humans vs. Zombies so fun is that it's free," Temkin said. "Anyone on any college campus can play. It doesn't require any special skills, and that is what is really cool about the game. It brings all different kinds of people together to do this crazy thing, and that's part of why this experience is so important to people."

At one point, a third of all students at Goucher College had participated in a game of Humans vs. Zombies. Temkin says 1,600 students regularly participate in a game on the Ohio State University campus. Toys "R" Us even sells a Human vs. Zombies themed foam dart blaster. Temkin says he is determined to see Human vs. Zombies to expand even further.

"The game is played on six continents. The only one it's not played on is Antarctica and we are working on that," Temkin said.

Alumni donate \$50,000 to freshman scholarship

MARY CONNORS
Chief Reporter

As stated in Northwest's mission statement, the University does its best to focus on the success of their students, whether it be athletically, academically, emotionally or financially. Through many opportunities, Northwest encourages community and campus interaction, realizing that it is through these ties that life long bonds are made. Those bonds, along with a passion for education, are what recently encouraged Marion and Joan Freeman to donate \$50,000 to the Joan M. and Marion B. Freeman Adopt-a-Bearcat Scholarship.

Graduates of Northwest class of 1950 and 1949, The Freemans have always dreamt of establishing a scholarship fund, but time never allowed them to, until now. While attending the University, they were both heavily involved in campus activities and appreciated their friendships and what Northwest had to offer.

Mrs. Freeman was a music and physical education major from Burlington Junction who participated in band, orchestra and was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and the Sigma Sigma Sorority. Mr. Freeman was a physical education and industrial arts major from Tarkio who played football, ran track and was a member of the M-club, Sigma Tau Gamma and Kappa Delta Pi. After graduating, both proceeded with their teaching careers.

"The education we received at Northwest put us in great job situations, and we saw this award as a win-win," Marion Freeman said.

Since its establishment several years ago, the Adopt-a-Bearcat fund has helped many students that meet the critical need for financial assistance. The scholarship is a one time \$500 gift in which the University matches a gift of at least \$250 given by a sponsor. Recipients must be incoming freshmen or first-time transfers that express financial need and meet Northwest's policies for admissions.

Mike Johnson, vice president of University advancement, views scholarships such as these as an op-

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Governor Nixon increases Missouri exports in agreement with Chinese province, Hebei

MARY CONNORS
Chief Reporter

In an effort to boost Missouri exports, Gov. Jay Nixon led a trade mission from Oct. 21 through Oct. 29 with business and agricultural leaders to the People's Republic of China. As a result, Beijing, along with the Zhejiang and Hebei provinces, signed agreements totaling \$4.6 billion in exports from Missouri into Asia and South American countries.

Starting on Oct. 24 in Beijing with more than 60 business and agricultural group representatives, Nixon closed a three-year agreement for \$4.4 billion worth of Missouri goods to be sold to Chinese consumers. Currently exporting \$987.4 million a year to China, the agreement will increase the exports by more than \$1 billion and create more jobs across Missouri.

"From day one, my administration has focused on creating jobs in Missouri, and increasing our exports to countries overseas is an important strategy for achieving that critical goal," Nixon said. "China is already Missouri's third-largest export market, and this agreement is another important step toward growing the state's economy."

On Oct 25, the Governor signed a \$200 million, two component agreement with Missouri's

sister province, Hebei. The agreement entails Missouri's promise to increase its exports to the Chinese province by \$100 million over a three-year period, and for Hebei to work with the Missouri Department of Economic Development to facilitate an additional \$100 million in investments by Chinese businesses in Missouri.

Before leaving Beijing, Nixon met with members of the American Chamber of Commerce, placing an emphasis on advantages that Missouri offers in fields such as agriculture, animal health, transportation and advanced manufacturing. As a result, two Missouri companies based in St. Louis, Arcturus, an architectural design firm and Mediomics, a biomedical research firm, also closed and signed agreements with customers in Hebei.

"We want Missouri businesses to sell more of their outstanding goods to Chinese customers, whether they're selling corn or chemicals, soybeans or steel," Nixon said. "This trade mission is delivering tangible results for Missouri businesses and helping them open new doors in the Chinese market."

Nixon closed the last agreement on Oct. 27 for another \$100 million agreement with Zhejiang province that also includes the

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Students tackle, modernize Shakespeare

TREY WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief

About 400 years ago, the renowned William Shakespeare wrote a play called "The Tempest." The world has changed since then; people have changed, but starting tomorrow, students in the theater department will delve into the characters and themes of Shakespeare's day and put them on display for a modern audience.

"What we said as a production team going in to this is, 'Let's break the story down to its most basic elements and tell the story in the way that we think will work best for our audience and given where our students are coming from,'" said Amanda Petefish-Schrag, director and assistant professor of communication, theatre and languages.

"We're still using Shakespeare's language; we're still using Shakespeare's characters so, in reinventing it, I'm not talking at all about changing the text itself, but rather not getting bogged down with the fact that people think Shakespeare is hard, or high-falutin' or whatever people might assume."

"The Tempest," like many of Shakespeare's other works, is a story full of romance, tragedy and comedy. It follows Prospero, the former Duke of Milan, after being exiled to a deserted island with his daughter by his jealous brother. Prospero is a magician and spends years on the island perfecting his magic while plotting his revenge. He learns that



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Gonzolo and Alonso, played by Vincent Polito and Kelsey Matthias, prepare for Northwest's production of "The Tempest" in Tuesday night's dress rehearsal. The first performance is This Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Ron Houston Center for the performing Arts.

a ship carrying his enemies nears the island, so he raises a storm to shipwreck them on the island.

"Actually, the play is really Prospero's search for revenge against the

people who ultimately took away his power," Petefish-Schrag said. "But also a search for where he will

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GREEN AND WHITE VISIT DAY



AMBER WEBSTER | NW MISSOURIAN

Families on Green and White Visit Day visit the J.W. Jones Student Union as part of their group tour. Green and White Visit Day is designed to give high school freshmen and sophomores a general introduction to Northwest.

New program gains unwanted attention

ALEX RASH
Missourian Reporter

Members of the Education Department have mixed feelings over purchasing new, required software, Tk2o.

Students found out in late October, they would be footing the bill for a new adjustment in the Education Department. With the already high cost of college, some students are opposed to the new installment.

"I think that it is an unnecessary expense," sophomore Nathan Robison said. "It seems like every corner I turn there is some new thing to charge to my account."

Tk2o will allow students to participate in online course instruction, field experience and academic advising. The system will also serve as a data storage area for documents that will be beneficial when meeting with prospective employers.

Students will be notified at a later date about training sessions

that will instruct students on the use of the new system.

"I think the idea behind it is good," junior Breana Dietrich said. "I think that it will help students stay more organized while building an online portfolio."

Students will be able to purchase the software online, at the Tk2o website, for \$103 or in the bookstore for \$133. The fee will cover a seven year subscription to the software.

All education majors will be required to purchase Tk2o. Only graduate students are exempt from purchasing the new software. Seniors graduating in May 2012 will be able to purchase it at a reduced price of \$65.

"It would be nice if we could try (the software) out before we have to purchase it," Dietrich said. "However, that isn't really an option."

Students will need to get software before Jan. 20. Tk2o is set to take full effect by summer 2012.

Exclusive Spanish minor may become reality

PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor

For students declaring a Spanish major, a new companion minor, or collateral field, may become available in fall 2012. Preemptively called Intercultural Enrichment, the 24-hour collateral field would initially be open only to Spanish majors. However, Dave Oehler, department chair of the department of communication, theatre and languages, believes it could soon be revamped as a minor open to students outside of the Spanish degree.

"We may come back in a couple of years in the next catalog with a minor that has a little broader appeal and a little more options in it," Oehler said. "But for right now, we decided to go ahead and do this so that Spanish

majors can go ahead and do this and take advantage of it."

If approved, the collateral field would educate students through a deeper understanding of Hispanic culture and literature. Students would take classes from the full gamut of departments at Northwest, including English, geography, political science, marketing and more. It also requires a study abroad experience or related internship.

"What this does is, it expands the field of study so you're coming at some of those same issues but through different lenses," Oehler said. "They all have an international flavor, and they are looking at the global society and are trying to broaden the horizons beyond simply a study of the language and the culture in the traditional sense."

Language day helps teach students

AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH
Managing Editor

Communication and Foreign Language students united to educate high school students today in a interactive program called Modern Language Day.

"This is a day of interaction, diversity and fun for all students," Marcy Rouch, instructor of communication, theatre and languages, said.

"This is a great opportunity for students to come here and return to their school and say 'Hey, guess what I learned today; I never knew that before.'"

Modern Language Day is a chance for local high schools to

come to Northwest for the day and engage in one-on-one sessions with students and instructors. The program hopes to educate high school students on the many different language and cultural barriers that exist in our world today.

"It is great that high school students get to see these different cultures first hand," senior Morgan Umsted said. "This is such a great way for them to be introduced to different cultures instead of their one or two target languages."

Umsted is a student volunteer for Modern Language Day, running the game room. The craft and game room are sessions students can sign up for to learn cultural trends beyond speech.

"We have close to double the students signed up for this year, and we are excited to see what they will get out of it," Rouch said.

The program has jumped from the 115 students who attended last year, to 204 this year. Both the instructors and students are excited to share their knowledge of diversity with the students and hope that many of them leave the program having learned something new.

"These sessions go beyond just a simple lecture day," Umsted said. "At many high schools the two languages that are offered are Spanish and French, but this gives students a chance to open their eyes to new cultures they might have never known about."

Weekend Events	
Friday, November 11	
Alpha Phi Alpha canned food drive	Nodaway County Veteran's Day Observance
DeLuce Gallery: Tintype Mosaic Exhibit by Marydorsey Wanless Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	11 a.m. at Nodaway County Courthouse Square, Maryville, Mo.
Veteran's Day	Men's basketball vs. UMKC
Walk-in flu shot clinic	1 p.m. at Kansas City, Mo.
8 a.m. at Wellness Services	Women's basketball vs. UMKC
Book signing: "More Than Your First Cookbook" by Barry Beacom	4 p.m. at Kansas City, Mo.
11 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union	To Write Love on Her Arms: Alive to Love
Live Your Life Week: Hopeful Helpers—Meet Our Counselors with Wellness Services	7 p.m. at the Student Rec Center
11 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union	The Tempest by William Shakespeare
	7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Saturday, November 12	
Alpha Phi Alpha canned food drive	8 a.m. at Colden Hall
DeLuce Gallery: Tintype Mosaic Exhibit by Marydorsey Wanless Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	MS-ACS Comprehensive Exam
Educational Leadership Comprehensive Exam or Portfolio Review	9 a.m. at Colden Hall
Missouri Academy Preview Day Garret-Strong Science Building	EPA's Game Day Challenge
Volleyball vs. Missouri Southern Joplin, Mo.	12 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium
PRAXIS	Football vs. Emporia State
	1 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium
	English country dancing
	6:30 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
	The Tempest by William Shakespeare
	7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Sunday, November 13	
Alpha Phi Alpha canned food drive	Performing Arts
DeLuce Gallery: Tintype Mosaic Exhibit by Marydorsey Wanless Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Wind Symphony Concert
The Tempest by William Shakespeare	3 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
2 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the	Catholic Mass
	7 p.m. at Newman Center

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Sheriff cars rest outside of Finish Line last Nov. 4. The convenience store was caught selling alcohol to minors. A hearing is set for Nov. 14 to find out the future of its liquor license.

Finish Line in trouble after selling to minors

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Chief Sports Reporter

The finish line for Finish Line may be closer than they thought. Finish Line's business ethics came into question when lab results from items seized from a May search warrant came up positive for the synthetic marijuana, K2, on Nov. 3. K2 is a stimulant used to give the user the effects of cannabis. It was considered legal and was sold throughout the country because all the ingredients were legal. It was deemed illegal in May after lab results determined that K2 contained synthetic cannabis, making it illegal. "They are doing what they want

to do," Maryville Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice said. "In my opinion, we had to close it down for the safety of the community and to prevent them from selling to minors. "You add on top of that what we found in May, for what we believe has been a long time matter, of them peddling that stuff (K2) and kind of courting the drug culture. It was clear to me that that place had to be shut down. All I'm doing is that we've suspended the county liquor license, and we have a meeting to revoke it, in front of the commissioner on the 16th."

Finish Line is also being looked

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Maryville grants provide new technology for students

JACKI WOOD
Chief Reporter

Decodable readers, iPad programs, a 20-pound body suit and even ukeles will soon make their way to classrooms in the Maryville School District. The Maryville R-II Education Foundation recently announced this year's classroom mini-grant winners. Steve Klotz, assistant superintendent and the foundation board's chairman, said this is the fourth round of funding for the grants of up to \$500 each.

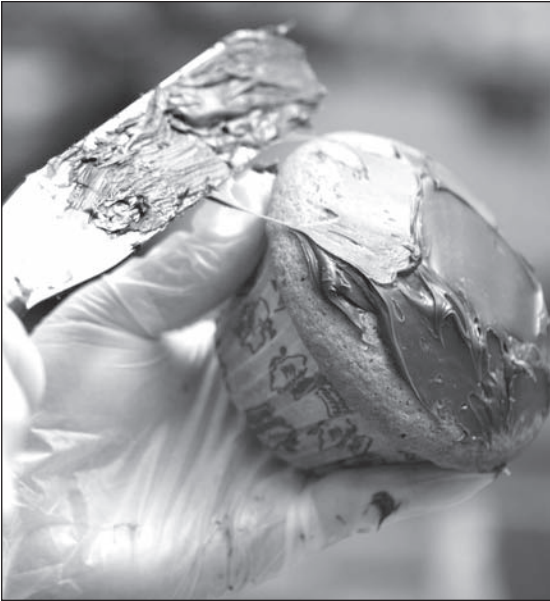
"The teachers write a grant for something that is outside their normal budget," Klotz said. "It is a wide variety of topics the teachers come up with, and we look at how they fit within our district and budget goals." In applying, Klotz said, the teachers must provide a description of what is needed, what kind of impact it will have on the classroom and students, the number of students that would be involved and the sustainability of the grant. They also present a budget of how the funds will be used and what other outside funding sources might be available.

Healthy bakery hopes to fill breakfast void

ERIC MIZENER
Missourian Reporter

My Favorite Muffin is a new bakery café in Maryville. Unique to this café are their cake-like muffins. The muffins' ingredients include soybean oil and lack traditional butter or margarine. This provides a healthier muffin that also helps to lower cholesterol. This unique approach is helping to fill a breakfast void that owner Greg Chapman believes Maryville has. "We were looking for a breakfast place that we could add to Maryville," Chapman said. "We felt like there was a need for another option for breakfast." In addition to breakfast, My Favorite Muffin also offers smoothies, bagels, sandwiches, salads and a full coffee shop for lunch and dinner as well. Maryville's My Favorite Muffin is also the first in the United States to collaborate with KaleideoSoops Hard Ice Cream. Variety is the key to this new bakery.

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My Favorite Muffin employee Will Payne, spreads frosting on a Boston Creme Pie muffin in preparation for display.

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POINT: 2012 ELECTION

No chance of re-election

PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor

While the GOP presidential candidates continue to squabble about who is more conservative on which policy, President Barack Obama has been coolly collecting funds and running his own race. Yet, even if the right wing fails to come up with an instantly popular candidate, voters will still choose their offering over the incumbent for the following reasons.

Kudos to Obama for passing it when the time was right, under a Democratic congress, but “Obamacare” has since been referred to as an enemy of the United States. After it was signed in 2010, a CNN poll found that only 19 percent of Americans felt that they and their families would be better off under it. It was either too expensive, too restrictive (or it didn’t cover enough), increased Big Government too much or a long list of other reasons.

Plus, he missed the mark to finally reform healthcare, in terms of the high cost of premiums and coverage. At over 15 percent of our GDP, our healthcare expenditures are the highest of any developed country, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. And the cost of Medicare and Medicaid continues to spiral out of control.

But the high cost cannot compare to the national deficit. In September, Nancy Pelosi released a laughably erroneous chart that claimed Obama reduced the national debt by 35 percent. Fact checkers had a heyday, in-

cluding The Washington Post’s Glenn Kessler. By pinning the national debt with the GDP, Kessler found that Obama increased the national debt by 24.6 percentage points, more than four times higher than George W. Bush’s 5.6 percentage points.

And as the national deficit climbs to \$15 trillion, people wonder how many more taxpayer-supported stimulus projects would come in Obama’s second term. After the \$787 billion economic stimulus plan, the Obama administration vowed that unemployment would stop growing once it reached 8 percent. It instead got uncomfortably close to 10 percent, and is now around 9.1 percent.

Obama also failed to keep some of his biggest campaign promises. On the campaign trail, he swore that he would not sign any bill that contained earmarks. In March, he put his name on a \$410 billion spending measure that would fund the government for the remainder of the fiscal year. It also contained a whopping \$8 billion in “targeted spending provisions,” or earmarks.

Be reminded that the following also occurred under Obama’s term: Cash for Clunkers, Ben Bernanke’s continued position at the helm of the Federal Reserve and the survival of Guantanamo Bay.

With just under a year left before the 2012 elections, voters should do considerable research before voting for Obama again. Sadly, his supporters have already donated nearly \$100 million for his campaign. They might want to get comfortable shelling out money, if he’s in office for four more years.

COUNTERPOINT: 2012 ELECTION

Obama will trump GOP

CODY UHING

Northwest’s Young Democrats

The day is coming close when the Republican party is going to choose one of their many unqualified candidates to try and run against President Barack Obama. While many believe the president will not be able to hold his own against the likes of Mitt Romney or Rick Perry, I think he’ll be able to hold onto his current position. He has many things working in his favor, besides his opponents’ weaknesses.

Obama’s Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was the first tangible creation to fix our nation’s healthcare system. Before it was passed, a CNN/ORC poll showed that 72 percent of those polled said they favored the increased amount of government influence in the nation’s healthcare system in an attempt to lower costs and provide coverage to more Americans. Only 27 were opposed. That 27 percent has grown since the passing of the bill due to the fact that the Republicans are trying to scare people away from it by calling it socialist. Since when is providing for everyone, even those who aren’t doing well, a scary thing?

When Republicans go on the national stage and accuse the president of running the country into the ground and raising the deficit, they seem to forget how we got to where we are. No one ever said politicians were not hypocrites, but it seems outrageous to not remember who put us here. It started back with Ronald Reagan’s ridiculous trickle-down theory of economics all the way to Bush’s de-

cision to put us into two wars that we had no money to pay for, and everything in between (including the economic collapse of the Wall Street investment banks in 2008). It all comes down to who had to clean up the mess. The lack of regulation in the investment banking world sent our economy into a tailspin at the end of Bush’s presidency, leaving a mess for the next person in line. President Obama’s administration has simply been trying to fix the mistakes of the failed presidency before him.

It should be no surprise when a politician does not keep his promises, especially one who is a newcomer to the White House. I am sure anyone running for president has great ideas for the nation, but once they are in office, they realize there is not much they can do. If you want to blame Obama for his bill, that would help us through the fiscal year, being filled with earmarks, you have to look at who he was trying to get the bill past. The Republican-controlled House would not budge on anything unless they got their way, just like they won’t look at his jobs bill or his attempts at a budget bill. As soon as the Republicans can gain control of the White House, they will pass similar bills.

When you go vote for your next president, which every single person on this campus should do, I urge you to do your research on the GOP candidate and President Obama. I want everyone to make an informed decision. Look at who is trying to stop the forward momentum of our country and pull us back under the control of big business.

OUR VIEW: MISSOURI EXPORTS

China deal a move in right direction

Hebei, a province in northeast China, is about to make very unique friends in several Missouri officials. Governor Jay Nixon, along with a troupe of delegates, returns Saturday from Hebei after signing a deal that will increase Missouri exports to Hebei by \$4.4 billion over the next three years.

This is the kind of foreign policy that The Missouriian staff supports. Unfortunately, it is not the current trend for our country. Our trade deficit, or our exports minus imports, is expected to breach the -\$46 billion threshold after September’s numbers are reported.

Stateside, it has been the same game. From 2007 to 2010, Missouri’s exports steadily declined to total \$530 million, according to STL Today.

This translates into an unhealthy economic dependence on foreign countries. Some have attributed that dependence to the decline of our domestic auto industry, which resulted in the loss of untold jobs.

But it can go the other way, too. Following the global economic crisis in 2008, the Group of 20 specifically addressed protectionism during their summit in London. About 20 countries pledged to avoid special tariffs on imports that would protect the sale of domestic goods. Protectionism is the economic sister to isolationism, and wrecks the global trade flow of goods and services.

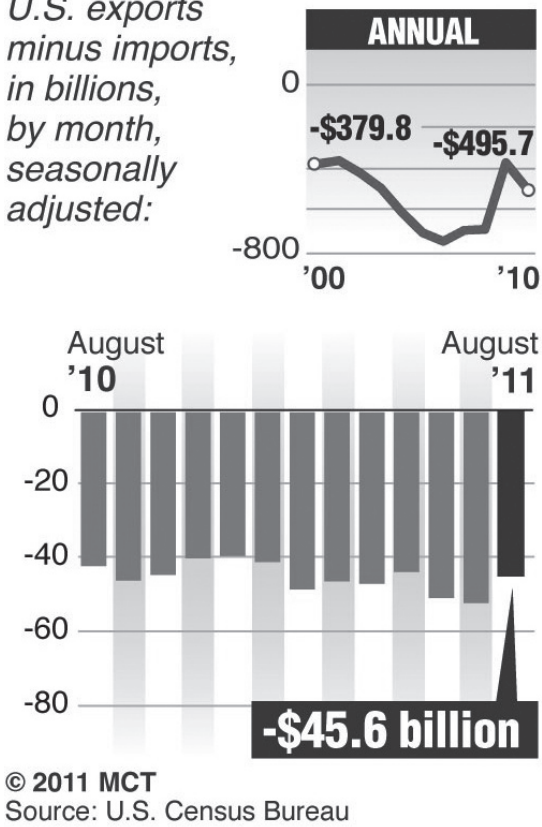
The ideal situation, then, is an even ratio of exports to imports. And while the U.S. is about \$46 billion on the wrong side of that equilibrium, Missouri has shown that it is a priority.

“From day one, my administration has focused on creating jobs in Missouri, and increasing our exports to countries overseas is an important strategy for achieving that critical goal,” Nixon said in an interview with KOAM TV. “China is already Missouri’s third-largest export market, and this agreement is another important step toward growing the state’s economy. We will continue to focus on making Missouri more competitive in the global economy of the 21st century.”

The latest two Missouri companies to benefit from this are Arcturis and Mediomics, an architectural design firm and a biomedical research firm, respectively. Other businesses or industries have yet to be announced, although Nixon did claim that Missouri will export “corn or chemicals, soybeans or steel,” to boost our state economy and improve relations on a global scale.

Trade deficit

U.S. exports minus imports, in billions, by month, seasonally adjusted:



This shows a 12-month trend in the U.S. trade deficit. After our new deal with Hebei, Missouri hopes to dent that figure by \$4.4 billion over three years.

This is a good move in the right direction for Missouri, as well as the nation as a whole. One look at cable news shows that politicians continue to debate whether it is better to spend or save our way out of a failing economy, but there is a new option to consider: trading.

HEALTH COLUMN: GIVE UP SMOKING

How to quit for good

JUDY FREUH, WHNP, BC
Clinic Supervisor
University Wellness Services

You have heard all the statistics of how unhealthy tobacco is for you. I won’t bore you with facts, like there are 4,000 chemicals in a cigarette, or half of the people who smoke will die from a disease brought on from tobacco use, because you already know this stuff. Just in time for the Great American Smokeout Nov. 17., in which University Wellness Services is participating, I want to help you be a successful quitter.

The four key factors in successfully quitting are: making the decision, setting a date, having a quit plan, dealing with the withdrawal and staying a quitter.

Make sure this is something you really want to do. It is great that your loved ones want you to quit, but you will be much more successful if this is something you really want to do. Focus on the benefits of quitting, such as how much healthier you will be or how much money you will save, not only because you are not buying the tobacco products, but also because of your nonsmoker health insurance premiums.

Pick a date within four weeks of today. If you pick a date too far out, you will often continue to put this off. Circle this date on the calendar and make a promise to yourself and others to be a quitter. If you plan to use prescription drugs, talk to your health care provider and have the medication ready to use on your quit date.

In preparation of your quit date, tell friends and family about your plans. Get rid of the cigarettes

or chewing tobacco, lighters and ashtrays. Stock up on gum, hard candy and coffee stirrers. Gather a support system of friends and family. Make motivational cards about the benefits of your goal, or better yet, have your loved ones write notecards for you on why they are so happy to see you quit.

On your quit date, stop. Keep active, drink lots of water and juices (try to avoid caffeine and alcohol), and use your medication or nicotine substitutes. Try to avoid situations that could trigger an urge for you to smoke or chew.

Talk to your health care provider or other quitters about the withdrawal symptoms you are having. Remember, there are two parts to the withdrawal: mental and physical. The physical symptoms can be annoying. Most people find the mental withdrawal to be the most challenging. Keeping busy and talking to your support network will help you through this. Keeping your hands active with a stress ball, puzzles, reading, or cards can help. Try deep breathing; close your eyes and inhale deeply, focus on the clean, fresh air you are inhaling in your lungs. If you feel the urge to smoke, tell yourself you must wait 10 minutes. After the 10 minutes, if you still feel the strong urge, go for a walk, do jumping jacks, visit a neighbor, call someone, play with your pet or read your motivational cards.

Be proud of each day you have been successful in reaching your goal. Reward yourself. This is no easy task. You deserve to celebrate.

For more information on how to quit contact 1-800-227-2345 or go to the American Cancer Website at www.cancer.org.

CAMPUS TALK

What is crucial about foreign trade?



“Not only is it important to help the economy flourish within our own country, but by trading with other countries, we’re sparking that increase in the economy worldwide.”

Steven Scheffe
Computer Science



“It gives diversity. Sometimes we get stuck in our own ways and our own visions, but by trading with diverse countries, we get that other aspect and things we can’t produce on our own.”

Ashton Ellis
Public Accounting



“We can’t get all that we need from the U.S., and the same with other countries... so I think open trade is fair, and I think it’s fine, as long as you keep it regulated.”

Connor Nicholas
Undecided



“Our economy will benefit because if we just stick with ourselves and just become isolated, then I feel like we’re not going to grow.”

Nikita Tietsort
English Education



“When you’re trading with each other, you’ll increase the countries’ relationship with each other and get to know more about their differences.”

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LeCerf resigns as Maryville’s city manager

TREY WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief

City Manager Matt LeCerf announced yesterday that he is resigning from his position. LeCerf will take a job in Frederick, Colo. with essentially the same responsibilities as his city manager position. Fredrick has a population lower than Maryville’s, at 8,900 people. LeCerf feels that this move is the right one for both professional and personal reasons. “This is a great opportunity,

professionally, to grow with the community,” LeCerf said. “Geographically, that is a location that my wife and I would like to live.” His tentative last day will be Dec. 26. He said he is not yet sure what the city plans to do in terms of an interim city manager, but he would like to assist in the search for a permanent replacement. “I would like to help facilitate (the search) process to make sure they are at a high caliber and have the community’s best interest in mind.”

SCHOLARSHIP

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portunity to honor the mission of Northwest. “We give alumni, friends and family the opportunity to support our mission and to recognize the legacy in others or the loved ones whose lives the scholarship touch,” Johnson said. “It’s a great way to celebrate philanthropy.” Last year, there were 173 Northwest students who benefited from the scholarship fund, strengthening the tie between Northwest and their sponsoring community. For the next 10 years, the University will contribute \$5,000 a year to match the \$50,000 given by the Freeman’s and distribute a total of \$100,000 in scholarship funds.

EXPORTS

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provincial government to help facilitate \$100 million in direct investment in Missouri businesses. As a part of Nixon’s strategy to promote Missouri exports and economic growth, collaborating with the Chinese market has also given him the chance to work side by side with

governors of various provinces and sub-national jurisdictions. “This trade mission has been highly successful for Missouri as a whole and for the dozens of private businesses, commodity groups and other organizations that have joined us,” Nixon said. “Because of our state’s outstanding workforce, infrastructure, educational system and other assets, Missouri is well-positioned to compete in the economy of the future.”

SHAKESPEARE

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ultimately go as a human being; is he going to seek revenge or is he going to decide to choose another path? “That’s where, at least, the primary storyline in ‘The Tempest’ lies... So essentially, it’s a lot of different ways of looking at the way we strive for power and control.” The production company, including Petefish-Schrag, is focusing on the themes within “The Tempest.” She said the themes are the main reasons the play has stood the test of time.

FINSIH LINE

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at after the business was charged with eight counts of selling alcohol to minors and five counts of minor in possession on the business premises. On Oct. 24, the city council met and agreed to remove Finish Line’s city liquor license, and on Nov. 4, the Nodaway County Sherriff’s Department seized all alcohol from the store, due to the selling of K2 and the selling of alcohol to minors. On Nov. 14, the Maryville City Council will meet to determine whether or not to permanently remove Finish Line’s city liquor license. “If it wasn’t important, we wouldn’t be going to this extreme,” Rice said. “Everybody is on board. The Sherriff is on board, the city police and I are on board. Whoever owns and is running this Finish Line is doing inappropriate things, which is endangering the community and therefore violating the agreement in which they were given a city and county liquor license.” Finish Line manager Lachelle Curtis believes the life of the store is going to be determined by the ruling of the Council. Finish Line’s business would struggle to survive

without the alcohol sales, since they have not been able to sell gas for the last few months. The state of Missouri has removed the gas station’s privilege of selling fuel due to its sale of adulterated gasoline. Curtis also believes that the negative attention being brought toward the store is affecting business. “As you can tell, I’ve probably had 17 customers all day,” Curtis said. “It’s from that and not having gas. We were getting ready to reimburse the gas last Thursday, but with all this happening, with the fundings and not knowing if we are going to be getting our liquor license back or not, it takes a lot of money.” If Finish Line retains their license, they plan to take thorough measures to make sure this does not occur again. “We need to find a lawyer and hope to God that they give us a second chance,” Curtis said. “Our registers are now set up for when you buy alcohol or tobacco you have to put in the year and the date, so there’s no more ‘Let’s eyeball and look.’” The hearing to determine the status of Finish Line’s city liquor license will take place at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

MUFFIN

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“We’ll have 16 flavors of mini muffins, 12 flavors of bagels and 24 different types of ice cream every day,” Chapman said. “We’ll be coming in early and baking all the products fresh in-store every day.” Residents, students and visitors to Maryville are enjoying the new offerings for all of their meals. “It’s a nice break from the usual fast food options here in Maryville,” senior Eric Galaske said. “It is unlike anything I have had here before.” Even usual skeptics and fussy eaters are fans of Maryville’s new café. “If my kids enjoy it, then you know it must be good,” mother and Maryville resident, Kim Woodcock said. “I won’t even think about telling them how healthy these muffins are though.” In times of economic uncertainty, it appears that this bakery is here to stay. “We’re going to have the best items of their kind in town,” Chapman said. “Come out and give us a try.”

Police Blotter: Maryville Department of Public Safety & the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Nov. 6
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 600 block North Vine.

Nov. 4
An accident occurred between Donald J. Noble, 25, Maryville, Mo., and Allison D. Engelman, 21, Belvidere, Illinois, at West Second Street and North Mulberry.

Nov. 3
An accident occurred between John W. Mendenhall, 78, Pickering, Mo., and Clinton W. Meyer, 41, Ravenwood, Mo., at U.S. Highway 136 and Katydid Road.

Julius A. Wells, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while revoked and failure to register motor vehicle at 2900 block South Main.

Shawn M. Bauer, 27, Maryville, Mo., was charged with sale of alcohol to a minor at 600 block North Main.

An accident occurred between Elmer S. Davidson, 57, Grant City, Mo., and Amy L. Chor, 40, Maryville, Mo., at U.S. Highway 136 and Katydid Road. Davidson was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 1
Jesse D. Gray, 34, Cameron, Mo., was charged with failure to register motor vehicle, failure to register trailer, and failure to maintain financial responsibility at 700 block West 16th Street.

Kristina M. Swinford, 29, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct at 200 block East Third Street.

An accident occurred between Gilbert M. Hughes, 71, Maryville, Mo., and Erica J. Dulin, 35, Maryville, Mo., at South Market and East Thompson. Hughes was issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

An accident occurred at 100 block North Davis. Victoria L. Wernik, 36, Maryville, Mo., was issued a citation for failure to report accident, no valid driver’s license, careless and imprudent driving, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Oct. 31
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 200 block West Fourth Street.

An accident occurred between Hannah K. Swihart, 21, Maryville, Mo., and Virginia R. Fleer, 21, Maryville, Mo., at 600 block West Halsey.

There was a recovered bicycle at 300 block West Second Street.

Oct. 30
Chandler L. Geller, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 300 block North Market.

An accident occurred involving Ashley D. Laughlin, 19, Maryville, Mo., at East Seventh Street and South Laura.

Carolyn A. Brown, 25, Maryville, Mo., was charged with harassment at 1100 block North College Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 1000 block West Cooper.

An accident occurred at West Ninth Street and North Walnut. Mikael S. Pruitt, 20, Kansas City, Mo., was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Oct. 29
Gabriel M. Kuhl, 18, Lincoln, Neb., was charged with minor in possession and under 19-year-old in a bar at 400 block North Buchanan.

Brent D. McCurley, 45, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended and equipment violation at 100 block East Fourth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 400 block East Fourth Street.

There was a brush fire reported at 22000 block Jasper Trail.

Oct. 28
An accident occurred between Jesse D. Lykins, 19, Maryville, Mo., and Sean J. Bartolacci, 22, Maryville, Mo., at South Buchanan and West First Street.

Scott A. Buie, 40, Kansas City, Kan., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

David W. Worley, 21, Forest City, Mo.,

was charged with driving without a valid driver’s license and improper registration at U.S. Highway 71 Bypass.

Oct. 27
An accident occurred between Marianna Rodova, 59, Independence, Mo., and Joshua D. Cordell, 22, Maryville, Mo., at 100 block West Seventh Street.

Oct. 24
An accident occurred between Erin E. Dillon, St. Joseph, Mo., Cassie L. Lowell, 19, Concordia, Kan., and Heather R. Stearns, 20, Woodburn, Iowa, at 900 block South Main. Dillon was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Oct. 21
There is an ongoing investigation at property damage at 400 block West Second Street.

Oct. 20
Tre’ I. Durhan, 18, Maryville, Mo., and Eric R. Moreno, 18, Maryville., were charged with minor in possession at 1100 block North Main.

An accident occurred between Emily R. Hauder, 20, Maryville, Mo., and Danielle J. Crawford, 21, Maryville, Mo., at South Buchanan and East Jenkins. Hauder was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way.

Oct. 19
Cody J. Niles, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with indecent exposure at 400 block North Buchanan.

Blotter for the Nodaway County Sheriff Department

Nov. 2
A Barnard, Mo., subject reported that he had items stolen from his residence.

Carrie F. Windsor, 40, Windsor, Mo., and Frank A. Windsor, 40, Windsor, Mo., were both arrested on Nodaway County warrants for stealing leased or rented property.

Donald C. Casner Jr., 56, Albany, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Nov. 1
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that he had items stolen out of his garage.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that he had items stolen out of his yard.

A Graham, Mo., subject reported that the license plates and vehicle registration from his vehicle were stolen while in Burlington Junction, Mo.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen items from a trailer that they had been renting out.

Alfred S. Bramen, 62, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for financial exploitation of elderly/disabled person.

Oct. 31
Corey N. Wilson, 18, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for Forgery.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen items out of her vehicle.

Oct. 29
Dillan R. Weston, 19, Barnard, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks.

Eric B. Wise, 31, Clarinda, Iowa, was arrested for selling and possessing Amphetamine.

Keaton R. Osthoff, 20, Clarinda, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation, selling less than five grams of drugs.

Dillan R. Weston, 19, Barnard, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for two counts of stealing motor fuel and one count of trespassing first degree.

Oct. 28
A Sheridan, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen their identity.

Donald K. Brink, 53, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for civil detox.

Oct. 27
Jessica R. Wagoner, 26, Rosendale, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for five counts of distributing or attempt to or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Oct. 26
A Parnell, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen his tools.

Oct. 25
Jerome A. Hieb, 44, Bedford, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary second degree and theft.

Samantha G. Caloroso, 18, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway county warrant for driving while intoxicated and intentionally inhaling the fumes or induce another to inhale the fumes of any solvents.

Oct. 24
Jonathan R. Brodrick, 24, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for possession of controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana.

Oct. 23
Andrew D. Griffon, 19, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for two counts of assault first degree on law enforcement officer, one count assault first degree, and one count resisting or interfering with arrest for felony.

Oct. 22
A Dearborn, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen his fuel trailer from his local farm.

Oct. 21
An Omaha, Neb., subject reported that his vehicle which was left on the side of the road had property damage.

Oct. 20
Johnathan E. Carter, 30, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear for possession of controlled substance except 35 grams of marijuana or less.

Oct. 16
Shan K. Pitts, 40, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for domestic assault second degree.

Oct. 12
A Nodaway County subject reported that someone had damaged a bridge on a county road.

Oct. 8
Samantha G. Caloroso, 18, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested for minor visibly intoxicated and resisting arrest, and was later also charged with property damage for breaking an item at the jail.

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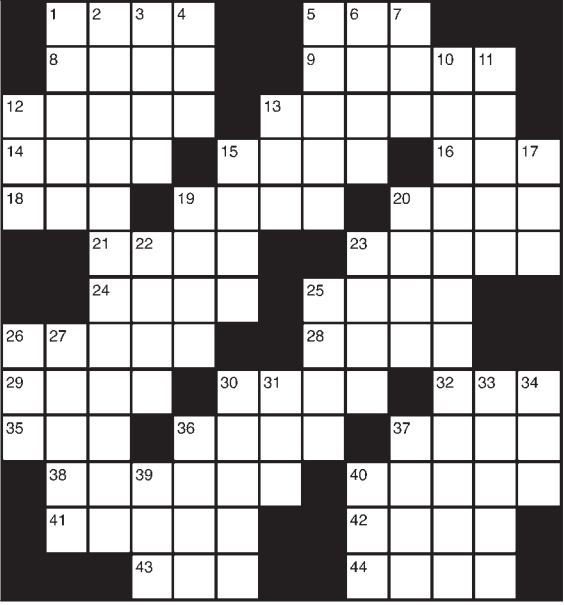
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20 Sit angularly, as a wall
24 "My alarm didn't go off," e.g.
25 One who's now right-brained?
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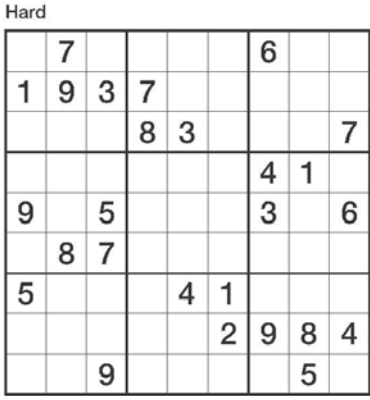
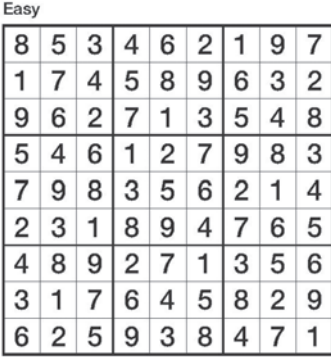
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Today's Birthday (11/10/11). Your ability to organize, analyze and craft the perfect plan is especially keen for the rest of the year. Take advantage of this to invent your dream birthday-year goals. What do you want to learn? Making how much, and by when? Add destinations.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- A recipe for financial frustrations or emotional sensitivity: Take it slowly with comfort food and good company. Add some homemade lemonade. Don't force anything.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Exceed expectations. As Dr. Seuss

would say, "Oh, the things you can think!" Figure out finances. They don't have to be stressful. You might find some money.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Listen to an elder. Learn new skills and attract new friends. Make sure you keep your schedule, and your promises. Reward yourself with a fun evening.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't let your phone disconnect you from being with your friends in person. Separate fact from bias. Make sure you understand the request before moving forward.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Don't believe rumors until you've checked the facts. The Full Moon and Jupiter are both in your career house, bringing new, expansive opportunities. Craft some plans.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're the star of your own adventure flick. What rivers will you cross; what mountains will you climb; what evil will you vanquish? No formulas. Redefine "success."

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Stay objective, even as others lose their emotional rationality. Listen to the context of what's going on, rather than

the content of the words spoken.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Find the right partnership and play your cards well for a possible income increase. Don't go crazy while shopping. Just get the basics. Hang on to those chips.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- You're entering a yearlong power phase in your career, so expect a raise in status and income (but don't count those chickens yet). Smile, and keep providing great service.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a

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5 -- Love is more important than money now. Refrain from impulsive actions. There could be some disagreement regarding priorities. Compromise is golden.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- You're inclined to want to find out more. Pay special attention to the details, and build a solid foundation. Choose a partner with complimentary skills.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Changes are for the better. The learning is great. Now's a perfect time to write letters beneath the moon. A solution to an old problem becomes obvious.



MILLIONS JOIN FIGHT AGAINST RUSKIES IN 3RD DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN WARFARE

TREY WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief

My father, a man of WWII, used to share with me quotes from his days in the war. There is one that comes back to me time and time again, “The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his.” - George S. Patton.

I never realized the impact of this quote until recently. I’ve been in war. I’ve seen death. I’ve looked soldiers in the eye after barely dodging death’s cold grasp. I’ve observed the things soldiers don’t want to talk about. And now, now I’m reporting it. Who am I? Well, that doesn’t really matter. This is a story about the men fighting for our safety, our country, our freedom.

The day was August 17, code name “Black Tuesday.” I crash-landed with Delta Force Team “Metal” in the middle of war-ravished New York City. It was hard, at first, to recognize the street where we were. Collapsed buildings lined the streets, bodies of civilians and soldiers mixed in with the rubble. I got to my feet as bullets zipped through the street. There was a brief calm, and I made out the resemblance of Wall Street. I had been here many times before.

Debris from a building overhead smashed to the ground not even three feet away, and I immediately snapped back to reality. I scampered to safety behind Staff Sergeant Derek “Frost” West-

brook. I know it may be morbid, but I’ve grown fond of Sgt. Frost; I hope he and I can survive this war together.

The team and I made it not even 50 feet before we came under heavy fire from the Russian forces controlling the city. We were outnumbered, but these guys are pros. The way I would imagine Michelangelo commanded his brush to create masterpieces, Frost, Sandman and team “Metal” took down the Russian soldiers, making sure they died for their country.

I don’t say this lightly, knowing the severity of war, but we seemed to make our way up and out of the street with ease. I was scared for my life, yet these soldiers did not skip a beat. They did not blink. They did not hesitate, and they did not show mercy.

Our target was a radio tower on the roof of the New York Stock Exchange building that was jamming our signals. We made our way through office buildings – it seemed like there were Russian soldiers around every corner. Walking through the maze of rooms and corridors with twisted metal and wreckage anticipating our every step posed as much a threat as walking the desolate streets of Manhattan if we weren’t careful. Luckily, with Frost at the helm, no harm would come.

We fought our way through buildings and back to streets on our way to the New York Stock Exchange. I watched from a safe distance as Frost and the team tacti-

cally devoured the Russians, using anything they could get their hands on. They used knives and even scooped up ammo and Russian guns, sometimes from still bodies.

I had never seen anything so brutal; nothing was off limits – they were fighting to survive. Russian soldiers dropped like flies after numerous shots to the chest. Bodies flew through the air from grenades tossed toward the enemy ranks. Deserters were even shot in the back as they ran for safe hiding.

We finally got to the floor of the stock exchange building, only to be met by more soldiers firing at us upon first sight. We took cover as Frost and the other men began picking them off one by one, making their way through the what I’m sure was the once bustling NYSE floor. Now, the only sounds were loud bangs of rounds being fired and the yelling of men as life left them.

How we made it out of there, I don’t know. But we did, and I credit Sgt. Frost. If not for him, I might very well be dead.

I climbed the ladder to the roof immediately behind Sgt. Frost. We came up to the sight of approximately 10 Russian soldiers ready to fire. It was becoming customary to me at this point to expect to encounter opposition at every turn. Frost alone did them in.

After Frost took out the tower, we waited for aerial support to pick us up. Nervous, and anxious to get back to base now the mission was complete, I felt like

a sitting duck up on that roof as soldiers from surrounding buildings began to take fire. Luckily, we had modern warfare on our side. Frost pulled out the reaper drone and let them have it.

It seemed once we were clear of immediate danger, the Black Hawk helicopter was there to whisk us away in what would have been my dream getaway, had it not been for the aerial battle that transpired.

Three Russian copters came from nowhere, giving us hell. Frost jumped on the turret and gave ‘em everything we had. He took down two before we were hit and spiraling out of the sky. I thought we were dead in that moment. I thought I’d never get to tell this story. And just when I came to grips with the harsh reality of the situation, the pilot righted the bird. Of all the things I witnessed that day, I still can’t believe we made it out of that Black Hawk alive.

That was yesterday, and it was only day one. I stood by, observing as American soldiers fought for our freedom. I can’t say for sure that we will come out of this victorious, but when I look into the eyes of the soldiers I’ve now grown close to, there is a fire in their eyes, a thirst for victory. I have 16 missions left with team “Metal,” and I pray I survive to bring you their yarn.

This is not an account of real events. It is an in-depth look at the imaginary world of Call of Duty.

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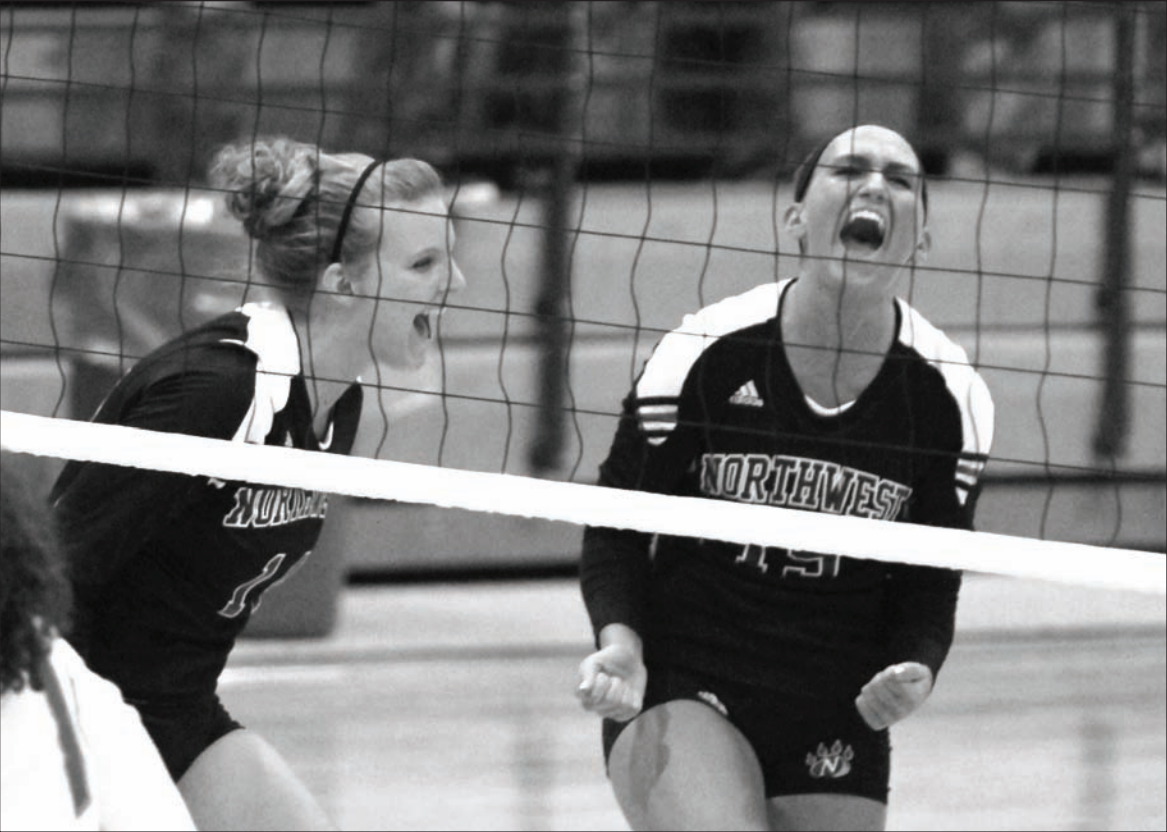
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Sophomore middle hitter Whitney Mason (right) and junior defensive specialist Alicia Watson celebrate after a Bearcat kill against Pittsburg State Tuesday night. Northwest rebounded from two road losses, claiming a 3-1 win over the Gorillas.

SENIOR DAY
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very dangerous right now,” Dorrel said. “They’ve scored 40 points three straight times.”
Last week, Emporia beat South West Baptist 42-28 and running back LaDarrian Page ran for 201 yards and three scores.
“He’s good. He’s quick,” Dorrel said. “He’s good out in space. They do a lot of stuff where they quick motion him and try and get him out on the perimeter and go.”
The Hornet defense leads the

country in turnover margin at 1.8.
“The thing that’s most concerning to me, is the fact that they’re leading the country in turnover margin,” Dorrel said. “They’re averaging almost four turnovers a game and they’re not turning it over. That’s tough. You don’t want to give them extra turnovers.”
The secondary has been around the ball all season, and leads the conference with 18 interceptions.
Safety Derek Lohmann leads the conference with eight picks and recorded three last week.
Also adding to the stakes, this could be the last game for the senior

class at Bearcat Stadium.
“Our kids have a lot of special memories here,” Dorrel said. “Our crowd support has been great in their careers.”
“I’m excited about being home. I know I’ll have a lot of family here in town and I know our kids will have the same thing.”
They might have to do it without a pair of senior captains, quarterback Blake Christopher and wide receiver Jake Soy, who are both questionable for the game with injuries.
Kickoff is at 1 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

SENIORS
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been my life forever, but I’ve had a great time here and I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”
Coach Rinehart believes the two seniors have provided a lot of

leadership to the younger players this season.
“Laura is one of our most driven players, she’s done a great job as the quarterback of the team,” Rinehart said. “She’s done a great job leading us and she competes every time she steps out on to the court. You know exactly what you’re going to get

from Laura. She’s given us stability and passion for the game.”
“Alex has the big bomb on the outside and she has the ability to finish rallies. She also brings passion and great leadership. The two of them have been great for this program and great role models for the younger girls.”

Men fall in lone exhibition to Big Ten opponent to open year

The men’s basketball team fell to Iowa on Sunday 79-59 in an exhibition matchup.
The Hawkeyes led by nine at halftime after Northwest cut their lead to one point on two separate occasions in the first half.
Senior forward Jake Reinders led the team with 10 first-half

points.
In the second half, the Hawkeyes pulled away, going up by 14 to open the period.
Northwest could not get shots to fall, shooting just 15 percent on threes and a paltry 57 percent from the free throw line.
Junior transfer guard Justin

Clark, from Illinois State, led the ‘Cats with 13 points, 12 of which came in the second half. Clark also grabbed five rebounds and dished out three assists, both team highs.
The Bearcats open the season against UMKC at 1 p.m. tomorrow in Kansas City.

ALLEN
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mental side of basketball.
“Steve Tappmeyer and Ben McCollum have been great influences in my life,” Allen said. “And I am thankful that I was able to have the opportunity to play under them. (Basketball at Northwest) taught me how to grow, and made me the man I am today.”
As a junior at Northwest, Allen led the team in scoring and rebounding, with 17.6 and 6.2 per-game averages, respectively.
Those numbers were good enough for All-MIAA honorable mention.
During his senior year with the Bearcats, Allen averaged 14.9 points per game to go along with a team-leading 6.5 rebounds per game.
Allen was among the team leaders in nearly every major statistical category, which helped him earn a spot on the All-MIAA third team.
“(In college), he was a tough matchup,” McCollum said. “He could play multiple positions. He could score in the post, he could step out and he could handle the ball. He had great hands, and had a very good IQ. He was good at pretty much everything.”

“I think it helps with recruiting, number one,” McCollum said. “As far as the university goes, I think he’s a great representative of Northwest.”
Allen stressed how appreciative he was of the opportunity to play for the Bearcats.
“Basketball at Northwest was a dream come true for me,” Allen said. “It gave me the opportunity to play basketball and get my education for free. I was given the opportunity to have good memories that will last me the rest of my life.”
Allen said that his decision to leave home to play basketball has been an enjoyable one.
“It is a good feeling to be away from home and explore a whole new way of life,” Allen said. “I don’t feel like I am too far away because of things like Skype and Facebook to communicate with my friends and family back home.”
He also went on to say that many of his friends play overseas and love what they do, which helped him make his decision.
McCollum believes that Allen will have a successful career, although it will come with its ups and downs.
“I think he’ll work hard enough to put himself in the right positions to (be successful),” McCollum said. “It’s not an easy life over there, especially starting off. You don’t get paid a lot, and you’ve got to just work your way up and hope for a contract the next year. But I think he’s got the work ethic and the mental toughness to do it.”
Allen hopes to have a long, healthy career, and plans on playing until he cannot play any longer.

McCollum believes most, if not all, of Allen’s talents from college will translate to the pro game.
“I think his work ethic will really help him. If things aren’t going right, he’s still going to be there, working hard to try and make it right,” McCollum said.
McCollum claims he knew all along that Allen would have the chance to play professionally.
“He was always real driven, from the beginning,” McCollum said. “If you’re driven, generally good things happen for you. He just always wanted to (play professionally), and he worked real hard for it.”
McCollum believes that Allen’s success is not only an individual achievement, as it also helps the university.

“Basketball is my love, and what better way to live than to get paid for something you love to do,” Allen said.
Even after being on the team in Ireland for a little over a month, Allen still has a hard time believing what he has accomplished.
“Playing overseas is a dream come true,” Allen said. “It’s a funny feeling waking up and saying, ‘I finally made it.’”

REGIONAL
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Central Missouri (19-1, 8-0 MIAA) defeated No. 3 seed Missouri Southern 3-1 Sunday in the tournament championship game.
UCM will now travel to Edmond, Okla., and play in the South Central Regional against Dallas Baptist on Friday.
Overall, the 2011 ‘Cats won seven more games than last season when they only won three.

“It’s a combination of the new and returning players, their bond and connection they have on the field, that led to us winning more games,” Hoza said.
Northwest loses five seniors: Hannah Silvey, Eiberger, Dedovesh, Erica Hatcher and Kelly Obley.
“This team will want to go even further next season, will want to be conference champions, and we have a great core coming back,” Hoza said.

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NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	28-1	15-0
Central Mo.....	24-4	14-1
Emporia St.....	20-8	12-3
Truman St.....	18-13	7-8
Mo. Western.....	13-15	6-9
Fort Hays.....	17-13	5-10
NORTHWEST.....	11-17	5-10
S.W. Baptist.....	11-19	4-11
Pitt. State.....	7-21	4-11
Mo. Southern.....	5-22	3-12

November 11:
Truman St. at Mo. Southern
Washburn at Central Mo.
Fort Hays at Emporia St.
Mo Western at Pitt. State
NORTHWEST at S.W. Baptist

NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	0-0	0-0
Emporia St.....	0-0	0-0
Fort Hays.....	0-0	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	0-0	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	0-0	0-0
Mo. Western.....	0-0	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	0-0	0-0
Pitt. State.....	0-0	0-0
S.W. Baptist.....	0-0	0-0
Truman.....	0-0	0-0
Washburn.....	0-0	0-0

November 11:
NORTHWEST at UMKC
Dallas Baptist at Mo. Southern
Pitt. State at Eastern New Mexico
Washburn at Ark.-Monticello
Lincoln (Mo.) at S.W. Oklahoma

NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	9-1	7-1
Pitt. State.....	8-1	7-1
Mo. Western.....	8-2	6-2
NORTHWEST.....	8-2	6-2
Central Mo.....	7-3	5-3
Emporia St.....	5-5	3-5
Fort Hays.....	4-6	3-5
Mo. Southern.....	3-6	2-6
Truman St.....	3-7	2-7
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-9	0-9

November 12:
Emporia St. at NORTHWEST
Central Mo. at Washburn
Truman St. at S.W. Baptist
Mo. Western at Fort Hays
Mo. Southern at Pitt. State

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	2-0	0-0
Central Mo.....	0-0	0-0
Emporia St.....	0-0	0-0
Fort Hays.....	0-0	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	0-0	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	0-0	0-0
Mo. Western.....	0-0	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	0-0	0-0
Pitt. State.....	0-0	0-0
S.W. Baptist.....	0-0	0-0
Truman.....	0-0	0-0

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Junior running back Derek Stiens runs through a hole during the game against Van Horn. Steins had seven rushes for 90 yards and scored 2 touchdowns for the 'Hounds.

Football season comes to early conclusion

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Chief Sports Reporter

Maryville's goal of a trip to St. Louis fell short after falling to defending state champion Richmond Monday night.

With inclement weather all night in Richmond, both offenses sputtered out of the gate.

Richmond's offensive drives ended with two fumbles on their first three drives.

The Spoofhounds had problems getting their feet underneath them on the drenched playing surface, forcing them to punt on their first three possessions.

It was a back-and-forth defense-heavy first half until late in the second quarter when senior wide receiver Tyler Walter mishandled a punt, allowing the Spartans to gain possession on their own 13 yard-line.

The 'Hounds defense held on as long as they could, but with 32 seconds remaining in the half, Richmond running back Gabe Vandiver was able to score from one yard out to give the Spartans a 7-0 lead.

With time dwindling in the half, junior fullback Cole Forney broke off a 27-yard run to breathe some life into the Maryville offense, but the drive came up short as the clock expired.

Forney finished the game with 74 yards on 14 rushing attempts.

Lightning was spotted at the beginning of halftime, delaying the game for 30 minutes in accordance with MSHSAA rules.

With the torrential downpour not letting up, the teams played on.

The beginning of the third quarter looked much like the first half, with both teams struggling to score.

The Spoofhounds had the ball deep in Spartan territory often, but with the weather taking away the kicking game and the opportunities to score few and far between, Holt was forced to go for it on five fourth downs. The 'Hounds fell short on all but one of the five attempts.

"We had good drives, but we didn't finish. It was the story of our night," Holt said. "We got into scoring position, but we did not finish drives."

Even with the offensive struggles, Maryville was able to get on the scoreboard, as Forney was able to get to Vandiver in the end zone for a safety late in the third quarter.

With a 7-2 lead, Richmond was able to seal the victory in the fourth quarter as Vandiver took a handoff 62 yards to the end zone with 10:07 left in the quarter. Vandiver found his way back into the end zone on the next possession for the Spartans, for a final score of 21-2.

"(The rain) didn't help anyone's running game, but Gabe still had a tremendous night and bottom line is we didn't," Holt said. "If it's a dry field, it doesn't matter. It's football. You have to play where you have to play."

This is the second consecutive year that Richmond has ended the Spoofhounds' state aspirations.

Maryville was only able to muster 130 yards compared to Richmond's 232 yards, well below both teams' season averages.

"Both teams made mistakes and they capitalized and we didn't. Bottom line," Holt said. "Their defense was lights out tonight. We

"It's football. You have to play where you have to play."
Chris Holt

couldn't do anything against them, so we will give the credit to them."

The 'Hounds end their season with a record of 10-2 and a share of the Midland Empire Conference title.

The Spoofhounds lose 10 seniors to graduation, including Walter, who holds the record for career interceptions (14) and single-game receiving yards (241).

"That's football. Your seniors come and you love them. Then they leave, then you get another group," Holt said.

The 'Hounds will return their top two rushers in Forney and junior running back Derek Stiens. Both amassed 900 rushing yards this season and combined for 33 touchdowns on the season.

Cross country prepares for next season

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

Spoofhound cross country coach Phil Stone is already looking forward to next season after taking three runners to the state finals last Saturday.

Senior Damon Goodall posted the best time for the 'Hounds in the boy's race, finishing 15th out of 173 runners with a time of 17:58.

"I was really happy with Damon's performance," Stone said. "His 15th place showing was better than he and I both expected...I think we were both a little surprised."

Goodall earned All-State honors with his top 25 finish.

Senior Taylor Worthington finished 73rd in the final race of his career with a time of 18:59.

On the girls' side, junior Sydney Rogers ran a 23:08, earning her 84th out of 152 runners.

Four of Maryville's eight total runners this year were seniors, and all were boys.

Stone will lose Tyler Haddock, Chas Moore, Goodall and Worthington this offseason.

Stone is still hopeful for next season, even after losing half of his team to graduation.

A part of that hope lies in freshman Ben Sporleder.

"I've got kids that enjoy running," Stone said. "For Ben, after another year of maturity and getting stronger, he has the potential to be a state qualifier next year."

Stone says he hopes to recruit runners from the middle school in order to fill the necessary roster spots for next season's team.

Rogers will be the lone senior next year for the girls' side.

Stone said it is difficult to have a strong team with such a limited amount of runners.

"We haven't been able to (take small steps to success)," Stone said. "When you have seven boys out, all seven of them have to run varsity."

Stone's goal for future seasons is to have enough runners on the squad to force them to work their way up to varsity.

"I definitely think that we'll have some success next season," Stone said. "But I really think that we're going to have to get a lot more kids in the program to work through the years and grow up with the program."

ATHLETES of the WEEK



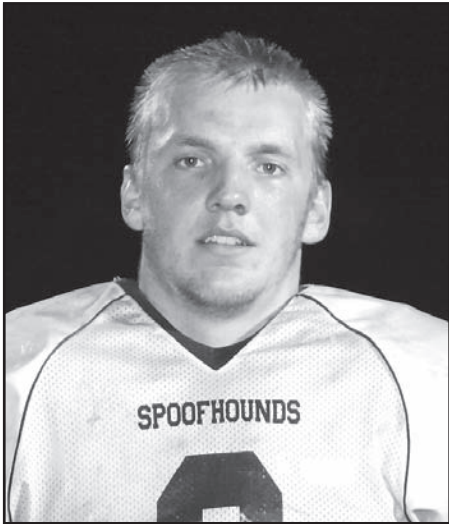
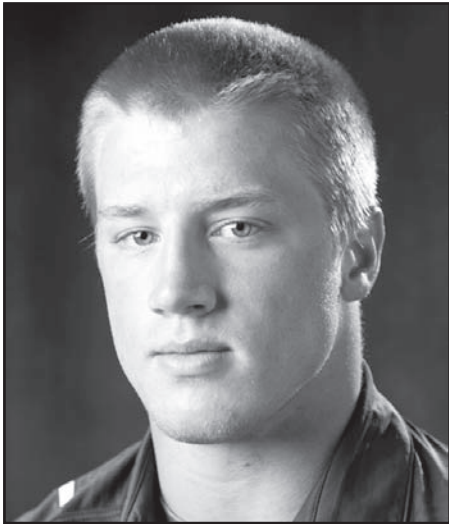
BEARCATS

James Franklin

Chad Kilgore

Cole Forney

Jordan Zech



Sophomore running back James Franklin ran for 73 yards on 14 carries with three touchdown runs in Northwest's 31-28 loss to Missouri Western Saturday.

Senior linebacker Chad Kilgore recorded 13 total tackles, seven solo and six assisted in the Bearcats' 31-28 loss to Missouri Western Saturday in St. Joseph.

Junior fullback Cole Forney ran for 74 yards on 14 carries in the Spoofhounds' 21-2 season-ending loss to Richmond. He recorded the only two points on a safety in the third quarter.

Junior linebacker Jordan Zech recorded nine tackles, eight assisted tackles, one sack and 1.5 tackles for loss in the 'Hounds' 21-2 playoff loss to Richmond Monday.

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Freshman outside hitter Brooke Bartosh spikes the ball in between a pair of Pitt State defenders during Tuesday night's 3-1 win over the Gorillas at Bearcat Arena.

Volleyball bounces back from road losses

KYLE HENDRICKS
Missourian Reporter

After back-to-back losses on the road last weekend, a trip back to Bearcat Arena against Pittsburg State was just what the Bearcat volleyball team needed.

Northwest completed the season sweep of the Gorillas with a 3-1 victory on Senior Night. The 'Cats won 25-16, 20-25, 25-20 and 25-17.

Sophomore middle hitter Amy Majors led all players with 15 kills, senior outside hitter Alex Hanna had eight kills and senior setter Laura Akin had as many assists as the entire Gorilla team with 46.

"It was great," Akin said. "We went out on a mission, we were going to make this one, one to remember. Our whole team came out, and it was good to see them step up and do this for us. It

meant a lot to us to come out and win on our last home game."

The win Tuesday was just the second win in the last seven games for the 'Cats.

"I thought we came out ready to play tonight," head coach Jessica Rinehart said. "We controlled things on our side, which was obviously to our advantage."

Other than a slip in the second set, the 'Cats out-hit the Gorillas in every set, and finished with a total hitting percentage of .308 to .141 for Pitt State.

"We took our foot off the gas a little in the second set," Rinehart said. "We just fell a little flat and we didn't keep pressing. We gave them a window of opportunity and they took it, but I thought we did a good job of coming back and responding."

Northwest will finish up the season tomorrow and Saturday with road games against Southwest Baptist and Missouri Southern. Both games start at 7 p.m.

The 'Cats lost 3-0 to Southwest Baptist on October 21, but beat Missouri Southern the following night 3-2.

"We just really need to focus on our side," Akin said. "Tonight showed that when we focus on our side, we get our stuff done. Little things are making the difference, and so if we take care of the ball and do what we know how to do, we can take these two teams."

For Hanna and Akin, Tuesday night was especially meaningful.

"I just wanted to play my heart out," Hanna said. "All good things must come to an end. It's a start of a new life for me basically. Volleyball has

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Soccer grabs 1st tourney victory

CRAIG SIMS
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest soccer team suffered a loss to No. 1 seed Central Missouri Friday, following their first ever MIAA tournament win Thursday against Emporia State.

The Bearcats finished the season with a record of 10-7-2, 5-3 in the MIAA conference. The 'Cats equaled their second best win total in program history.

In the first round of tournament action, Northwest faced off against Emporia State for the second time this season. Northwest won the first contest by a score of 2-1.

The 'Cats were able to breach the Hornets' defense early with a goal by sophomore forward Tori Von Mende in the 17th minute. Northwest took a 1-0 going into the second half.

The goal by Von Mende was her 11th of the season.

Sophomore midfielder Emilee Davison tallied up another score for the Bearcats in the 56th minute, with the assist coming from junior forward Amanda Bundrant.

Sophomore midfielder Anna Calgaard followed suit, scoring another goal for the 'Cats, putting the game at 3-0 in Northwest's favor.

The Hornets kept battling around the ball however, punching in a goal just three minutes later that gave Emporia State hope for a comeback.

Calgaard sealed the victory with her second goal of the match, this one coming off of an assist from senior defender Jacque Dedovesh.

Emporia State would add another goal late, but it would prove too late as Northwest would win the game 4-2.

"Our team was brilliant. They were refreshed and energized physically and mentally, and that showed in their ability to pass the ball and make decisions," head coach Tracy Hoza said.

In the 'Cats' second game of tournament action facing Central Missouri, things did not start off the way Hoza would have liked. Two goals by the Jennies were scored in the first 12 minutes of play. A third goal by UCM gave them the 3-0 lead at halftime.

"Being down one goal early wouldn't have been as bad, as we have come back from that before, but being down two goals early and having played the night before made it pretty tough," Hoza said.

The second half proved to be a lot like the first, where Central Missouri scored just a minute into the half.

Northwest was unable to get past the Jennies' defense and score, as UCM won the game 4-0.

The Bearcats had only three shots on goal all game.

"We knew UCM was a good team coming in," sophomore midfielder Jordan Albright said. "Our team had a positive outlook, the game just didn't work out the way we wanted it to."

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4 earn All-Region honors as season comes to end

JASON KRAFT
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest cross country team walked away from the South Central Regional in Wichita Falls, Texas with mixed emotions.

The men took fifth place as a team, but left with a question of what might have been.

Two of their runners were struck with illness just days before the race. Head coach Scott Lorek feels like the race would have been different if everyone was healthy.

"I am very confident that we could have been a higher place," Lorek said. "That's the way things go though, injuries and illness are unfortunately a part of the deal."

Individually, senior TR Pursell and junior Ryan Darling earned All-Region honors for finishing in the top 25.

Pursell continued his successful season with a 12th place finish. He finished the 10k race in a time of 31:49:60.

"It is really nice to be named to All-Region," Pursell said. "It seems like all the coaches from different conferences battle each other. It means a lot to be able to represent the MIAA."

Darling was the last to be named to the All-Region team. He finished with a time of 32:33:20 in 25th place.

Last year the 'Cats finished in sixth place. Pursell was proud of how the team improved from last year.

"Seeing our guys fight through those illnesses and still get fifth,

despite not being ranked nationally this year, says a lot about us" Pursell said.

The Northwest women's team went into the regional meet looking to rebound from their disappointing fifth place finish at the MIAA Championships.

The 'Cats rebounded, finishing third place overall. They defeated all their conference foes with the exception of Pittsburg State, which placed second.

"You need your five runners to all have a good race on the same day and we did not have that at MIAA," Lorek said. "I think they did what we always knew they were capable of and proved we are better than some of those teams that beat us at the conference."

Two runners on the women's side finished in the top 25 and earned All-Region honors as well.

The MIAA champion, senior Angela Adams, finished in ninth place. She covered the 6k course in 22:14:30.

Sophomore Katti Carroll placed 12th and finished just seconds behind Adams with a time of 22:18:00.

The third place finish ended a two-year streak of fifth place finishes for the women at the South Central Regional Meet.

For both teams, the 2011 cross country season came to an end with neither team qualifying for the Division II Championships in Spokane, Washington on Nov. 17.

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At this time last year, Elijah Allen was preparing for his final college basketball season as a Bearcat. Since that time, Allen has chosen to take his game to the next level by playing professional basketball in Europe. Allen joined the Dublin Thunder four weeks ago, and says that he is living his dream without any regrets of leaving home. "The decision to leave the U.S. was not a hard decision at all," Allen said. "This has been my dream since I was a

little kid, to come play basketball overseas, and when the phone call came, it was a blessing." During his short time with the Thunder, Allen has averaged 28 points, 11 rebounds, and four assists per game. While at Northwest, Allen played under two different coaches. As a freshman and sophomore, he played for former coach Steve Tappmeyer, until current head coach Ben McCollum took the reigns for Allen's last two seasons as a Bearcat. "Elijah was a very hard-working, very loyal basketball player," McCollum said. "He really started the foundation

for my program and how I'm going to run it. Hopefully we will see those results this season from the foundation that he laid." Allen is also a firm believer in McCollum's program. "Everyone on the team actually grew the last two years I played at Northwest," Allen said. "I think this season it will pay off, and they will become one of the best teams in the league." Allen said that his time spent at Northwest helped him mainly with the

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Despite odds, 'Cats will be in playoffs

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Destiny is a funny thing. No one truly controls it, but many talk like they do. Until Saturday, the Northwest football team was in position to control their destiny, or so they thought. The Bearcats were 8-1, with the lone loss coming to Pittsburg State in the Fall Classic. Washburn knocked off the Gorillas 43-25 Saturday, clearing the way for the No. 2 seed in Super Region 4, along with a first round by and home field advantage. So much for that. With the 31-28 loss, Northwest fell to 8-2 and No. 6 in the latest Regional Rankings. While in years past it's been impossible for four MIAA teams get in. Pitt State and Mo West hold tie-breakers over the 'Cats and Washburn has only one loss, making the thought nearly inconceivable. The No. 1 seed, as of now, Midwestern State is still undefeated, having beaten Western Texas A&M Saturday. A lot depends on the selection committee and how they choose to judge all of the one and two loss teams in the region that were previously below Northwest before the playoffs. Abilene Christian has already hurdled Northwest and Humboldt State and Ouachita Baptist could jump the 'Cats with better performances next week. Luckily, Central Missouri and West Texas have three losses, likely relegating them to Nos. 9 and 10 in the regional ratings. There's a lot riding on the last week of the season and what the other teams in the region during the last week. Northwest almost certainly needs someone ahead of them to lose to ensure they make the playoffs and don't end up in the Missouri Western, I mean, Mineral Water Bowl. But they also have to rebound from the loss and beat Emporia State to hold steady at No. 6. Not making the playoffs would give a lot of vindication to the preseason critics of head coach Adam Dorrel. Dorrel stepped into a pressure-cooker of a job, succeeding two legends with a team much younger than recent Northwest teams and one that has been decimated by injuries at key positions. Not to make any excuses, but going to a bowl game would not be the worst thing to happen should the cards not fall in the Bearcats' favor in the final week of the season. It would be a learning experience and give the young players a less stressful environment to take the next step in and prepare for next season. But the season's not over yet and when the dust settles, I think the 'Cats will hold pat as the sixth seed in Super Region 4. However, they would have to hit the road for every game, much like the 2005 team that made it all the way to the national championship game. If Northwest beats Emporia, like everyone expects, and gets into the playoffs, the tough losses and the adversity they've faced will only help them. Maybe in a month we can look back on the loss to Western and the stress that came with not knowing how the 'Cats' destiny would unfold and laugh as they make their customary deep postseason run.



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Sophomore running back James Franklin slips past Griffon defenders on his way to the end zone in Saturday's 31-28 loss to Missouri Western.

'Cats already in playoff mode for Emporia State

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All hands are on deck for the Bearcats in the regular season finale. Head coach Adam Dorrel is treating the matchup with 5-5 Emporia State as a must-win game. "We're going to treat it like a playoff game," Dorrel said. "We're just going to approach it like that, be very aggressive and go out and play hard." Northwest is coming off an emotionally charged loss to Missouri Western, which almost knocked them out of playoff contention. "We're very excited," Dorrel said. "I wasn't sure how it was going to go. You think you have an idea on that stuff, but you're never really

sure of it. "Being new to this, I don't know the rules, but I talked to Mel (Tjeerdsma) and some different people. I felt like there was a chance we could be sixth. We were very excited. I know our kids are excited today for the opportunity." The 'Cats fell to No. 6 in the regional ratings, putting them in the playoffs, but making the path to Florence, Ala. tougher. They will have to play every game on the road to even get to the championship game. Standing in the way of another playoff run is a Hornets team that has won three straight, scoring over forty points, and won five of their last seven overall. "They're dangerous. They're

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